

PORTABLE HOUSING BENEFIT

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Portable Housing Benefit (PHB)?

PHB is a two year pilot program that runs until March 31, 2018, offering a portable housing benefit of \$275/month for single adult or \$375/month for family, which is paid directly to you.

Who is eligible?

- Residents of Lanark County or County of Renfrew who have appropriate status in Canada
- Must have filed latest Income Tax Return
- Must be eligible for Special Priority Status under the Housing Services Act, 2011
- Must not be receiving rent-geared-to-income or any other rental subsidy
- Must have a current family income below Household Income Limits

Can I choose where I want to live?

- Yes. You are encouraged to locate a rental unit within Lanark County or the County of Renfrew that is suitable for your needs.
- You may also choose to live in either County.

What units are eligible?

- Rent below Maximum Allowable Rent
- Suitable size for family

What size unit may I apply for?

- The maximum unit size is one bedroom for every household member/ couple. Units must be modest in size and amenities.

| Number in Household | Maximum Income Allowed | Maximum Allowable Rent |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Bachelor | N/A | N/A |
| 1 | \$30,000 | \$830* |
| 2 | \$36,500 | \$975* |
| 3 | \$41,500 | \$1100* |
| 4 | \$48,500 | \$1100* |
| *Does not include utilities | | |

How long will I receive the Portable Housing Benefit?

You can receive the PHB for a maximum of two years ending March 31, 2018. You will be asked to provide data throughout the program to assess program success.

To apply for the Portable Housing Benefit please submit your application to any office below:

| Lanark County | County of Renfrew |
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| Lanark County Social Housing 99 Christie Lake Rd. Perth, ON K7H 3C6 Attn: Housing Caseworker | Renfrew County Housing Corporation 450 O'Brien Road, #105 Renfrew ON K7V 3Z2 |
| Ontario Works Satellite Office 52 Abbott St. N Smiths Falls, ON K7A 1W3 Attn: Housing Caseworker | Renfrew County Housing Corporation 169 Lake St, Pembroke ON K8A 5L8 |
| Ontario Works Satellite Office 33 Lansdowne Ave, Unit 43 Carleton Place, ON K7C 3S9 Attn: Housing Caseworker | Renfrew County Housing Corporation 80 McGonigal St, #101 Arnprior, ON K7S 1M3 |

**County of Renfrew
Portable Housing Benefit (PHB)
Pilot Program**

Dear Applicant:

Lanark County and the County of Renfrew are pleased to introduce a Portable Housing Benefit Pilot Program that provides a portable housing benefit paid directly to you.

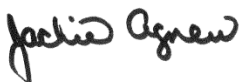
Under the program, you will be paid a Portable Housing Benefit of **\$275.00** per month if you are an adult household or **\$375.00** per month if you are a family household.

If you agree to participate in the Portable Housing Benefit Program you may remain on the waitlist for Rent-Geared-to-Income Housing, placed on hold, or be removed from the list. The Portable Housing Benefit program will run from July 2016 – March 2018. If you are housed in Rent-Geared-to-Income unit while on this program your portable housing benefit will stop.

Through a partnership between Lanark County and the County of Renfrew you also have the option of choosing to live in either County while receiving the portable housing benefit.

If you are interested in the Portable Housing Benefit Program please complete the enclosed documents and return to the appropriate location listed on the information page. Should you have any questions please contact Jackie Agnew at the number listed below.

Kind Regards,



Jackie Agnew
Program Coordinator
Renfrew County Housing Corporation
Office Phone: 613-432-3679 ext. 312
Toll Free: 1-855-432-6450
Fax: 613-432-9402
e-mail: jagnew@countyofrenfrew.on.ca

Rent-Geared-to-Income-Housing (please initial next to your choice):

- _____ Be placed on hold for the duration of my participation in the pilot program. I understand that while on hold I will not receive offers for housing, and that at any time I am able to remove the hold, and not lose my seniority or Special Priority Status on the waitlist.

- _____ Remain active on the waitlist. I understand that I may receive offers for housing, and that regular rules of acceptance apply. Applicants who refuse three offers for housing will lose Special Priority Status and will no longer be eligible for the PHB.

- _____ Be cancelled. I understand that by cancelling my application I will lose my current application date and status. If I wish to be eligible for Rent-Geared-to-Income-Housing in the future I will be required to reapply.

I have read and understood the above terms and conditions related to the Portable Housing Benefit Program and agree to be bound by them for as long as I am a participant in the program.

I give permission for Lanark County Social Services and Renfrew County Housing Corporation to contact any agency, person, business or organization and exchange information regarding this request. I am aware that the information will be collected and provided in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used for the administration of this program. I give permission for Lanark County and Renfrew County Housing Corporation to enter and store my personal information; I understand that this information will be provided to the Minister of Housing for the purposes of policy analysis, research and evaluation of policies and programs respecting domestic violence and homelessness in Canada. I give my permission for Lanark County and Renfrew County Housing Corporation to exchange electronic data via email to contact any agency, person, business or organization and exchange information regarding this request.

Applicant Signature

Date

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Date



MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF RENFREW

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

9 International Drive, Pembroke, Ontario K8A 6W5

Telephone: (613) 735-7288

Fax: (613) 735-2081

VENDOR REQUEST FOR PAYMENT BY DIRECT DEPOSIT

I request the Municipal Corporation of the County of Renfrew to directly deposit payment to the bank account specified below.

Vendor Information

Vendor Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone #: _____ Fax #: _____

*Email Address: _____

*** Email Address is required for remittance advice transmission**

Bank Information

Bank Name: _____

Bank Address: _____

Transit Routing #: _____

Account #: _____

Account Type (Chequing, Savings): _____

Authorized Signature for Vendor: _____

Date: _____

A VOID CHEQUE MUST BE INCLUDED TO PROCESS THIS REQUEST

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF RENFREW ONLY

Vendor ID# _____ Date Implemented _____